

Remarks

Claims 1-3 and 5-10 are pending in the above-referenced case; claim 1 has been amended. Applicants are not sure whether claim 3 previously allowed by the Examiner is still allowed and would appreciate clarification.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, and 5-10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In particular, the Examiner suggests that the disclosure only supports those polymers recited in Table 4. Applicants respectfully disagree and believe persons skilled in the art would see from the resins disclosed and the method invented to make such resins having such properties that Applicants' invention covers the range of materials claimed. Nevertheless, to further prosecution, Applicants have amended Claim 1 so that "c" which represents the T unit is limited to 0.05 to 0.65 rather than its previous limitation of "greater than 0." Support for this amendment may be found in paragraph [0016]. As shown by Tables 4 and 6, silicone resins having a weight average molecular weight within the claimed range and having T units also within the claimed range provide a combination of properties which the individual resins do not possess.

Due to the reasons described above, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review his objection and allow claims 1-3 and 5-10 to issue.

Although the Applicants believe in good faith that only a two month extension of time is needed for this reply, the applicants hereby petition for any necessary extensions of time. You are authorized to charge deposit account 04-1520 for any fees necessary to maintain the pendency of this application. You are authorized to make any additional copies of this sheet needed to accomplish the purposes provided for herein and to charge any fee for such copies to deposit account 04-1520.

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